



# Canine Bulletin

April 2000

Nebraska Task Force - 1



## **Type II Canine Readiness Evaluation**

Virginia Task Force 1, sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, will conduct a Type II Canine Readiness Evaluation May 5 - 7, 2000 at the Department's Fire and Rescue Training Academy. This evaluation is open to all task forces within the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, priority will be given to canine teams from Division C.

The candidate pool is limited to no more than 16 teams, including those from Virginia Task Force 1. If that number is not reached, considerations will be given to teams from other search and rescue entities. There will also be the opportunity for no more than six (6) Shadow Evaluators, also including those from the host task force, to be involved in this process. Candidates for either portion will be accepted on a first come-first served basis.

Applications for this process are available on the FEMA web page in the Canine Readiness Evaluation Standard and once completed are to be faxed to Garrett Dyer at 703-246-9173. Questions concerning the process may also be addressed to Garrett by either calling him at 703-246-4833, or email at [garrettdyer@vatf1.org](mailto:garrettdyer@vatf1.org).

## **Arson Dogs**

*Submitted by: Joseph Fehrenbacher*

Kansas Search and Rescue Dog Association is planning a K9 Emergency Medicine seminar for the fall of 2000. We want to include Law Enforcement, Fire and Search and Rescue agencies. We would like to know how many fire agencies would be interested in attending. The seminar would be taught by veterinarians well versed in K9 Emergency Medicine. This will be a one day class that would teach trauma and medical emergency.

We would also like to know what hazards you and your K9 would encounter ie., hazardous materials, drugs, etc. so we might include them in this class.

We have not decided on any dates at this time, but we will let the list know when things are finalized. Please send all responses to my email address: [ksarwic@swbell.net](mailto:ksarwic@swbell.net)

## **SARDUS Grant**

It is with great pleasure that we are sending you a \$1000 grant from Search and Rescue Dogs of the United States (SARDUS) for the seminar which your task force is sponsoring April 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Assisting in providing training opportunities throughout the country is one of the main purposes of SARDUS. The board members of SARDUS wish you the very best success in reaching the goals of the seminar.



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## ***Behold, The Dog Trainer***

Behold, there came through the gates of the city a dog trainer from far off, and it came to pass as the days went by, he trained his dog plenty.

...and in that city were laggards and complainers, they spent their days in adding to their alibi sheets. Mightily they were astonished at the performance of the stranger's dog. They said to one another, "What the hell, how doth he do it? He must have an easy dog to train."

...and it came to pass that many were gathered and a soothsayer came among them. And he was one wise guy. And they questioned him thus, "How is it that this stranger has such a well trained dog?" Whereupon the soothsayer made answer: "he of whom you speak of is one hustler. He arises very early and goeth forth full of pep to train his dog. He complaineth not. Neither doth he despair. While you lie in bed and say verily this is a terrible day to train a dog, he is already abroad. And when the eleventh hour cometh, he needeth no alibis."

..."He taketh with him two angels, persistence and perspiration and worketh like hell. Verily, I say unto you, go and do likewise"

### ***TrainingDates:***

***Pretest: April 28th  
April 29 - 30th***

## ***Work and Drive Seminar***

***April 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2000***

### **Saturday:**

0800-0930	Understanding Canine Drives
- Break -	
0945-1100	Role of the Helper
- Break -	
1115-1200	Canine Selection
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1430	Canine Assessment
- Break -	
1445-1600	Applying Motivation in Training - Building Drive

### **Sunday**

0800-0930	Lessons Learned from Previous Missions
- Break -	
0945-1200	How to Improve Canine Handler Motivation
- Break -	
1300-1600	Learning to Become a Good Helper/ Putting it All Together

### **Submission of Items for the "Canine Bulletin"...**

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